

April 7, 2017

Dear Mr. McDonnell,

I am a resident of **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** East Whiteland Township (for 23 years) and I am greatly concerned about the development of the Bishop Tube site. This site has been seriously contaminated by manufacturing chemicals (TCE). I don't understand why the PADEP is trying to advance approval of the site for development when the proposed cleanup is partial, leaving residual chemical pollution. The **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** community has not been privy to the discussion between the developer and PADEP, nor has the community had an opportunity to voice their concerns to the PADEP. This is why I am writing. I don't want a 'developed' polluted site. Nor do I want airborne and waterborne chemicals produced by site excavation (for development) affecting residents of the Township, nor the residents of the village, including many school age children.

Please note that we are very concerned about the proposed development of the Bishop Tube site. I would like the opportunity to speak directly to the PADEP officials involved with this proposal. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Malvern PA 19355
East Whiteland Township

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Malvern, PA 19355

Re: Bishop Tube HSCA Site
East Whiteland Township, Chester County

Dear Ms. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thank you for your letter dated April 7, 2017, addressed to Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell. We appreciate your concern regarding the proposed development of the Bishop Tube HSCA Site by the current owner of the property, Constitution Drive Partners L.P. (CDP).

While we understand that CDP is proposing residential development at the Site, CDP has not yet submitted any permit applications related to proposed development activities such as storm water management, etc. Moreover, we consider any local land development issues, such as zoning or other local ordinance matters, to be exclusively within the purview of East Whiteland Township. Please know that the Department takes no position with regard to how the Township responds to those issues.

CDP has expressed their intent to partner with the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) to apply for a grant under the Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP) administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The proposal under the grant is to excavate the most highly contaminated areas of the Bishop Tube Property, transport these contaminated soils to an off-site disposal facility, and backfill the areas with clean fill.

While DCED will ultimately decide whether or not to issue the grant, the Department's responsibility in this process is to review the Scope of Work (SOW) to determine if the proposed activities will comply with all of the environmental statutes the Department administers. To date, we have reviewed and commented on versions of the SOW but have not yet issued any approval. Please know that we will be closely scrutinizing the SOW to ensure that all activities, including such issues as fugitive dust emissions and contaminant runoff, are conducted in a responsible and lawful manner. In addition, if an ISRP Grant is awarded, the Department will be overseeing remediation work to assure that it is conducted in a manner that conforms to the approved SOW.

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In addition, please understand that any excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils conducted by CDP under an approved SOW pursuant to the proposed grant would not be a final remediation of the Site but would only be one potential step towards a final cleanup. Pursuant to an agreement with two potentially responsible parties at the Site, the Department is anticipating completion this summer of a comprehensive environmental investigation of the entire Site, including identification of all soil, surface water and groundwater contamination associated therewith. Upon completion of that investigation, the Department will be selecting a final remediation action through a public participation process. We welcome input from the community as a part of that process.

We are also working to develop a public webpage where we can keep up to date information regarding the Department's oversight of the Site. We hope that it will go live within the next week or so. The page can be found by following the path: dep.pa.gov > Regional Resources > Southeast Regional Office > Community Information > Bishop Tube

Thank you for your interest in this matter. I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dustin Armstrong at 484.250.5723 or by e-mail at darmstrong@pa.gov.

Sincerely,



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Acting Regional Director

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